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1. BRITISH HAVE DECIDED TO NOMINATE THEIR OWN CANDIDATE, JACK VIVIAN FOR ICAO SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP. IN INFORMING US OF THIS DECISION, GREEN, DEPT. OF TRADE, SAID UK HAD NOT MADE UP ITS MIND UNTIL AFTER ADVISED OF U.S. DECISION TO NOMINATE MRS. DILLON. UNTIL THAT TIME UK HAD HOPED THAT MAJOR AVIATION STATES WOU.LD SUPPORT A SINGLE CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, EMERGENCE OF U.S. CANDIDATE MADE THIS IMPMSSIBLE AND SO UK DECIDED IT WOULD OPEN UP THE RACE EVEN FURTHER WITH A CANDIDATE OF ITS OWN.

2. WE TOLD GPEEN WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH DECISION, DOUBLY SO BECAUSE WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE BRITISH SUPPORT
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FOR MRS. DILLON. WE SAID WE SAW SOME RISK IN FURTHER

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SPLITTING WESTERN VOTE AND THEREBY POSSIBLY ENHANCING
CHANCE OF EARLY MAJORITY FOR INDONESIAN CANDIDATE.
AND WE ALSO PMINTED OUT THAT UK CANDIDACY COULD SPLIT
THE VOTE OF THOSE FAVORING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING CANDIDATE.

3. GREEN SAID UK CONSIDERED IT VERY UNLIKELY THAT
INDONESIAN COULD GET EARLY MAJORITY. IN UK VIEW,
VIVIAN COULD E EXPECTED TO TAKE SOME VOTES FROM
INDONESIAN BEAAUSE OF COMMONWEALTH TIES AND HIS IDENTI-
FICATION WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES, GREEN ALSO SAID THAT WHILE IT COULD BE
ARGUED THAT ELGLISH-SPEAKINQ CANDIDATES WILL HURT EACH
OTHER'S CHANCES, IT COULD ALSO BE ARGUED THAT NOMINATION
OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING EUROPEAN CANDIDATE WOULD TAKE AWAY
SOME OF LAMBERT'S SUPPORT AMONG EUROPEANS. GREEN ALSO
ARGUED THAT BPITISH DECISION TO NOMINATE VIVIAN DOES
NOT IN ANY WAY HARM THE PROSPECTS OF GETTING THE STRONG-
EST WESTERN CANDIDATE ELECTED. WHAT BRITISH WANT TO DO
IS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ICAO VOTING PROCEDURE TO "TEST THE
WATERS" TO SEE WHICH WESTERN CANDIDATE IS STRONGEST.
ONCE THAT CANDIDATE IS IDENTIFIED THROUGH PRELIMINARY
BALLOTS, GREEL SAID, UK WOULD SUPPORT HIM IN LATER
BALLOTING.

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